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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Basol	
Serial No. 09/961,193 Filed: September 20, 2001	Atty. Docket No. 042496/0269244 Client Ref: NT-225-U
For: Plating Method and Apparatus For Controlling Deposition on Predetermined Portions of a Workpiece	Palo Alto, California <i>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</i> <i>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on October 15, 2002</i> Signed <u>Kathleen M. Smith</u> Kathleen M. Smith

**PETITION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED CLAIM OF PRIORITY**
37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition for acceptance of the accompanying Preliminary Amendment inserting a claim of priority, which includes the appropriate references required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2).

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under Paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 CFR 1.78 and the date this claim is made was unintentional. Applicant intended to claim the priority which is requested by the accompanying Preliminary Amendment, however Applicant only recently became aware that the serial number and filing date of the priority claim appearing on the original Declaration was incorrect.

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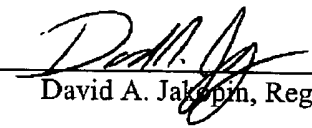
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Applicant also submits herewith an Amended Declaration executed by the inventor wherein the incorrect priority claim has been deleted.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 03-3975 (Order No. 042496/0269244) for the requisite surcharge of \$1280.00 for this Petition, or for any other fees which may be due as a result of this submission.

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